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This meeting will be held on:

Date: **Wednesday 14 April 2021**

Time: **6.00 pm**

Place: **Zoom - Remote meeting**

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Cabinet Membership

Leader/ Chair

Councillor Susan Brown (Chair)	Leader of the Council, Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Partnerships
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Cabinet Members

Councillor Ed Turner (Deputy Leader)	Deputy Leader (Statutory), Cabinet Member for Finance and Asset Management
Councillor Tom Hayes (Deputy Leader)	Deputy Leader, Cabinet Member for Green Transport and Zero Carbon Oxford
Councillor Nigel Chapman	Cabinet Member for Customer Focused Services
Councillor Mary Clarkson	Cabinet Member for City Centre, Covered Market and Culture
Councillor Alex Hollingsworth	Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Delivery
Councillor Mike Rowley	Cabinet Member for Affordable Housing
Councillor Linda Smith	Cabinet Member for Leisure and Parks
Councillor Marie Tidball	Cabinet Member for Supporting Local Communities
Councillor Louise Upton	Cabinet Member for a Safer, Healthy Oxford

Apologies received before the publication are shown under *Apologies for absence* in the agenda. Those sent after publication will be reported at the meeting.

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Items to be considered at this meeting in open session (part 1) and in confidential session (part 2).

Future items to be discussed by the Cabinet can be found on the Forward Plan which is available on the Council's [website](#)

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1 Apologies for Absence	
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5 Councillor Addresses on Neighbourhood Issues	
6 Items raised by Board Members	
7 Oxfordshire Strategic Vision	
Lead Member: Leader - Economic Development and Partnerships (Councillor Susan Brown).	
<p>The Executive Director, Development, will publish a report to introduce a final version of the Strategic Vision for Oxfordshire. Cabinet previously considered and supported a version endorsed by the Growth Board (the Board) for consultation. The report will update Cabinet on the consultation process, results and briefly summarise the main changes to the Vision, with the detail provided in the appendices. Finally, the report will present a final version of the Vision for consideration and agreement.</p> <p>This report will be published as a supplement.</p>	

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8	Environment Workstrand of the Growth Board	9 - 32
	<p>Lead Member: Leader - Economic Development and Partnerships (Councillor Susan Brown).</p> <p>The Executive Director, Development, has submitted a report for noting which sets out a recent proposal which was agreed by the Growth Board on 22 March 2021 to establish an Environment Advisory Group, together with a set of Terms of Reference. Wider information is also provided concerning the establishment of a Local Nature Partnership for Oxfordshire, and the Oxford to Cambridge Arc Environment Principles.</p> <p>Recommendations: That Cabinet resolves to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support the establishment of a Growth Board Environment Advisory group; 2. Endorse the Oxford to Cambridge Arc Environment Principles as set out at Appendix 3, recognising that this statement of ambition applies to a diverse range of urban and rural communities, and that further evidentiary work will be required at a local level to understand their longer-term implications; and 3. Support the development of an Arc Environment Strategy which will provide for how the principles can be delivered 	
9	Furnished Tenancy Scheme	33 - 40
	<p>Lead Member: Cabinet Member for Affordable Housing (Councillor Mike Rowley)</p> <p>The Head of Housing Services has submitted a report to seek authority to procure and delegation to award a contract to deliver the Council's Furnished Tenancy Scheme.</p> <p>Recommendations: That Cabinet resolves to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Give authority to procure a supplier or suppliers who will provide household furniture, white good and carpets as part of a Furnished Tenancy Scheme; and 2. Delegate to the Director of Housing in consultation with the Section 151 Officer, authority to award a Furnished Tenancy Scheme contract to a supplier, selected by an evaluation panel, following a fully compliant procurement process. 	
10	Minutes	41 - 50
	<p>Recommendation: That Cabinet resolves to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2021 as a true and accurate record.</p>	

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11 Decisions taken under Part 9.3 (b) of the Constitution

The Head of Paid Service (Chief Executive) has submitted a report asking Cabinet to note a decision taken by the Head of Paid Service (Chief Executive) using the urgency powers delegated in Part 9.3(b) of the Constitution.

Recommendation: That Cabinet resolves to:

1. **Note** the decisions taken as set out in the report

12 Dates of Future Meetings

Meetings are scheduled for the following dates:

16 June

14 July

09 August

15 September

13 October

11 November

15 December

All meetings start at 6pm.

13 Matters Exempt from Publication

If Cabinet wishes to exclude the press and the public from the meeting during consideration of any of the items on the exempt from publication part of the agenda, it will be necessary for Cabinet to pass a resolution in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 4(2)(b) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 on the grounds that their presence could involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in specific paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

Cabinet may maintain the exemption if and so long as, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

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Part Two – matters exempt from publication

14 Furnished Tenancy Scheme - Confidential Appendix

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Information for those attending

Recording and reporting on meetings held in public

Members of public and press can record, or report in other ways, the parts of the meeting open to the public. You are not required to indicate in advance but it helps if you notify the Committee Services Officer prior to the meeting so that they can inform the Chair and direct you to the best place to record.

The Council asks those recording the meeting:

- To follow the protocol which can be found on the Council's [website](#)
- Not to disturb or disrupt the meeting
- Not to edit the recording in a way that could lead to misinterpretation of the proceedings. This includes not editing an image or views expressed in a way that may ridicule or show a lack of respect towards those being recorded.
- To avoid recording members of the public present, even inadvertently, unless they are addressing the meeting.

Please be aware that you may be recorded during your speech and any follow-up. If you are attending please be aware that recording may take place and that you may be inadvertently included in these.

The Chair of the meeting has absolute discretion to suspend or terminate any activities that in his or her opinion are disruptive.

Councillors declaring interests

General duty

You must declare any disclosable pecuniary interests when the meeting reaches the item on the agenda headed "Declarations of Interest" or as soon as it becomes apparent to you.

What is a disclosable pecuniary interest?

Disclosable pecuniary interests relate to your* employment; sponsorship (ie payment for expenses incurred by you in carrying out your duties as a councillor or towards your election expenses); contracts; land in the Council's area; licenses for land in the Council's area; corporate tenancies; and securities. These declarations must be recorded in each councillor's Register of Interests which is publicly available on the Council's website.

Declaring an interest

Where any matter disclosed in your Register of Interests is being considered at a meeting, you must declare that you have an interest. You should also disclose the nature as well as the existence of the interest. If you have a disclosable pecuniary interest, after having declared it at the meeting you must not participate in discussion or voting on the item and must withdraw from the meeting whilst the matter is discussed.

Members' Code of Conduct and public perception

Even if you do not have a disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter, the Members' Code of Conduct says that a member "must serve only the public interest and must never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person including yourself" and that "you must not place yourself in situations where your honesty and integrity may be questioned". The matter of interests must be viewed within the context of the Code as a whole and regard should continue to be paid to the perception of the public.

*Disclosable pecuniary interests that must be declared are not only those of the member her or himself but also those member's spouse, civil partner or person they are living with as husband or wife or as if they were civil partners.

How Oxford City Councillors and members of the public can engage at Cabinet

Addresses and questions by members of the public (15 minutes in total)

Members of the public can submit questions in writing about any item for decision at the meeting. Questions, stating the relevant agenda item, must be received by the Head of Law and Governance by 9.30am two clear working day before the meeting (eg for a Tuesday meeting, the deadline would be 9.30am on the Friday before). Questions can be submitted either by letter or by email (to cabinet@oxford.gov.uk).

Answers to the questions will be provided in writing at the meeting; supplementary questions will not be allowed. If it is not possible to provide an answer at the meeting it will be included in the minutes that are published on the Council's website within 2 working days of the meeting.

The Chair has discretion in exceptional circumstances to agree that a submitted question or related statement (dealing with matters that appear on the agenda) can be asked verbally at the meeting. In these cases, the question and/or address is limited to 3 minutes, and will be answered verbally by the Chair or another Cabinet member or an officer of the Council. The text of any proposed address must be submitted within the same timescale as questions.

For this agenda item the Chair's decision is final.

Councillors speaking at meetings

Oxford City councillors may, when the chair agrees, address the Cabinet on an item for decision on the agenda (other than on the minutes). The member seeking to make an address must notify the Head of Law and Governance by 9.30am at least one clear working day before the meeting, stating the relevant agenda items. An address may last for no more than three minutes. If an address is made, the Cabinet member who has political responsibility for the item for decision may respond or the Cabinet will have regard to the points raised in reaching its decision.

Councillors speaking on Neighbourhood issues (10 minutes in total)

Any City Councillor can raise local issues on behalf of communities directly with the Cabinet. The member seeking to make an address must notify the Head of Law and Governance by 9.30am at least one clear working day before the meeting, giving outline details of the issue. Priority will be given to those members who have not already addressed the Cabinet within the year and in the order received. Issues can only be raised once unless otherwise agreed by the Cabinet. The Cabinet's responsibility will be to hear the issue and respond at the meeting, if possible, or arrange a written response within 10 working days.

Items raised by Cabinet members

Such items must be submitted within the same timescale as questions and will be for discussion only and not for a Cabinet decision. Any item which requires a decision of the Cabinet will be the subject of a report to a future meeting of the Cabinet.